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HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

COPTS ORDERS FOR WORK ENDING

11th APRIL, 1896

GENERAL

No. 382.—DRILL—THURSDAY, 3 P.M.

Commandant's Parade for both Units.

Kowloon Dock Detachment, and Signalers

to attend.

Khaki drill, caps, and side arms.

No. 383.—MUSKETRY—SATURDAY,

11th instant. Annual Course of Musketry for

both Units of Kowloon. (Every member

should endeavour to attend, as this will probably

be the only day that can be arranged before

of drill session).

Launche will leave New Peader's Wharf at

2 P.M. and 3.30 P.M. for Yaumatei.

Free admission.

Khaki drill, helmets, carbines, and

side arms.

No. 384.—ANNUAL INSPECTION.—The

Annual Inspection by H. E. the Governor and

H.E. the G. O. COMMANDING will take place

on WEDNESDAY, 15th instant. Every

Member of Corps attend, unless a Medical

Certificate is furnished or on special

sanctioned by Commandant.

DRILL BATTERY.

No. 385.—JOINED Gunner J. BARRY

90306, and assigned Corp No. 161 and posted

to No. 1 Detachment.

Gunner A. L. SUTTOR, 1448, and assigned

Corp No. 163 and posted to No. 6 Detach-

ment.

Gunner M. FARRELL, 2495, and assigned

Corp No. 164 and posted to No. 1 Detach-

ment.

No. 386.—DRILL—TUESDAY, Head-

quarters, 5.30 P.M. Company Plain Clothes.

FRIDAY, Headquarters, 3.30 P.M. Musketry

Instruction.

Uniform—Khaki drill, caps, carbines, and

side arms.

No. 387.—SIGNALLING—THURSDAY

and SATURDAY, Headquarters, with Lamp,

at 6.30 P.M. and 8 P.M.

DRAWING ROOM SUITE IN TAPESTRY

AND PLUSH OVERMANTELS.

TRY-PLAID AND BRAID MATCHING

TRY-PLAID AND BRAID TABLE

AND IRON LADIES WRITING TABLE

CENTRE TABLE BEVELLED OVER

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HONGKONG, APRIL 6TH, 1896.

THEIR was the two ring about Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD's short speech at the luncheon given in his honour by the China Association on Saturday. Politically the speech may be described as non-committal, but, if words mean anything, it conveys an assurance that "the responsible, anxious, and important duties" which lie before the new Minister will be discharged in a spirit of true British energy and firmness. British diplomacy in China has long been conducted under the delusion that China was a great power, not to beowitzed to exactly, but to be conciliated and managed by a deferential and respectful treatment which every one sees now was wholly unsuited to the circumstances and unwarrented by any claim the Chinese Government can put forward. The bubble has been pricked and there will be no excuse for the new Minister if he fails to appreciate at their true importance the value of the lessons of the last two years. In proposing His Excellency's health Mr. Jackson said that at the mention of the word China he was not disposed to exclaim "Lebwoh." "On the contrary," continued the Chairman, "I am convinced that the Middle Kingdom is destined to play a great and important part in the history of the world. I know a good deal of China . . . and I am convinced that a nation of three hundred and fifty million intelligent and sober people is a factor that must be most important in the highest politics." The Minister, referring to this portion of the Chairman's speech, said that "China is a great nation, but, as far as the possibilities of trade and commerce are concerned, it is still in its infancy. We must see that we make the most of these possibilities." Commercially China is great, and is destined apparently to play an important part in the history of the world; but as an empire she is almost a nonentity, she is powerless either for offence or defence, corruption prevails in all branches of her administration, and oppression and injustice stalk through the land. Whether the Government is to be reformed or the country to be partitioned amongst other powers is now the question. The existing administration merits no real respect, and a policy of firm compulsion on the part of the foreign powers is called for in the interests alike of China and of the great trade of which the country is capable. Here international jealousies come into play, and the new Minister will not find his task an easy one, but if he is to discharge it with honour and credit to himself and his country he will have to throw over the temporising policy of the past and show a firm front. The impression Sir Claude Macdonald created during his short stay in Hongkong was that he would not be found lacking in firmness or ability, that he would not shrink responsibility, and that he is the man for the post to which he has been appointed.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 11.30 p.m. on Friday.

The steamer *Harrow* left Singapore on Friday and is expected here on the 10th instant.

The *Australasian* Lloyd's steamer *Eleazar* left Kots for this port at daylight on Saturday.

The *Sorpedon*, which arrived on Friday brought 800 miles of telegraph cable for the new line from Nagasaki to Formosa.

Mr. Carrington, the new Chief Justice of Hongkong, was to leave London, per P. & O. steamer, on 2nd April to take up the duties of his appointment.

We now possess the Scottish Oriental Steamship Company of Glasgow, the *Chow Tai* and the *Wong Kit*, arrived on the 27th March at Singapore on or about the 23rd instant.

The Danish steamer *Nybro* recently arrived in the Hainan Islands, arrived in port on Friday. The damage sustained by the strand is apparently not very considerable.

The N. D. steamer *Sachsen* carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 9th March, left Singapore on Friday, at 1 p.m. and may be expected here on or about Wednesday the 8th instant.

The Chinese Mutual steamer *Glory*, from Glasgow, Liverpool, Penang, and Singapore, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 2nd inst., and may be expected here on about the 8th instant.

M. E. Frandon, Consul for France at Foochow, who has been ill in hospital for several weeks, left Foochow on the 25th March, on his return to Paris. He is still unable to leave the hospital.

A Peking telegram to the Japan papers states that the Pekin politicians and British Consul for France at Foochow, who has been ill in hospital for several weeks, left Foochow on the 25th March, on his return to Paris. He is still unable to leave the hospital.

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Mr. Smith is taking some pains immediately to found "With great skill, Captain Downing succeeded in bringing the steamer along the Gardner River, and he succeeded, for in another minute, the Pekin would have had to turn back.

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